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Requirements for the Special Education Consultant Certificate (079)

You will be eligible for a conditional certificate upon completion of 9 graduate semester hours in special education (Section A.2.), all of Section A.3., all of Section A.4 and the criminal history record check approval.

If you complete all requirements, you will be issued a professional certificate, either a two-year provisional certificate or a five-year professional certificate.

Section A:
1. Master's degree from an accredited institution
2. Special education (24 graduate semester hours)
3. Four years of successful full-time experience as a teacher of students with disabilities or a speech & language clinician
4. Training in two or more areas of disability (mental retardation, hearing impairments, visual impairments, serious emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities)
5. Criminal history record check approval – based on fingerprints
Section B: Principles of Learning and Teaching Level K-6 or 7-12
Test Code 0622/5622 Score 160 or 7-12 Test Code 0624/5624 Score 157

If this requirements list is more than two years old, please contact the certification office, as the requirements may have changed.

Fingerprint schedule on web site www.identogo.com

Register at www.ets.org/praxis/me/requirements

Applicants for certificates requiring the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) PRAXIS exam for Kindergarten to Grade 8 may meet a passing score on either PLT Test Code 0522 or PLT Test Code 0622/5622 until 8-31-16. As of 9-1-16, all applicants must meet a passing score on test 0622/5622.

Applicants for certificates requiring the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) PRAXIS exam for Secondary Grades 7-12 or Vocational (Career & Technical Education) Grades 9-12 may meet a passing score on either PLT Test Code 0524 or PLT Test Code 0624/5624 until 8-31-16. As of 9-1-16, all applicants must meet a passing score on test 0624/5624.

Applicants for K-12 certificates requiring the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) PRAXIS exam may meet a passing score on either the K-8 PLT OR the 7-12 PLT as described above.

A provisional certificate is issued to an applicant who has met all of the requirements but has not taught for two school years in a Maine school with a Professional Learning Community Support System (PLCSS). Once an applicant has taught for two school years in a Maine school and been recommended for a five-year certificate by the local school district's PLCSS, the full five-year certificate will be issued.